



MEDIA ADVISORY

COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD, NINTH DISTRICT

Date: 09.13.13

Contact: Marisa Berumen

Phone: 619.236.6699

E-mail: mberumen@sandiego.gov

For Immediate Release

MARTI EMERALD, CHAIR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, TO DISCUSS AMBULANCE SERVICES AND PREPARE SAN DIEGO INITIATIVE IN COMMITTEE

When: Wednesday, September 18, 1:00 pm

Where: San Diego City Hall, 202 C Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, 92101

What: The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee (PS&NS)

Who: Marti Emerald, Chair, PS&NS
Committee members of PS&NS
Interim Mayoral Staff
Tony Young, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter
Michael Simonsen, Director of Public Affairs, Rural/Metro

Visuals: Power Point presentations.

Why: At the request of Councilmember Marti Emerald, Chair of PS&NS, city staff will report on the oversight of the emergency medical services contract with Rural/Metro. On August 4, 2013, Rural/Metro entered into a comprehensive financial restructuring plan. Councilmember Emerald stated, "As Chair of PS&NS, my first concern are the members of the community who rely on this life-saving service. The public needs reassurance from city staff and Rural/Metro that ambulance service for San Diego residents will not be interrupted or impacted in any way."

In addition, the committee will hear a presentation regarding the *Prepare San Diego* initiative. The goal of this initiative is to prepare the region for emergencies and disasters by increasing individual, family, business, and organizational preparedness. "Providing safe neighborhoods to San Diegans is one of my top goals as the Chair of PS&NS," says Councilmember Emerald. "I urge our communities to get involved with *Prepare San Diego*, a multi-year regional initiative driven by the American Red Cross."

For more information, visit: <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/legisdocs/cccmmeetings.shtml#psns>

###